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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

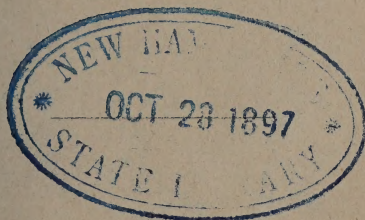
Treasurer, Selectmen, and School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BEDFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1868.



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1868.

General Statement and School Committee

TOWN OF BEDFORD

FOR THE YEAR 1900

1900

REPORTS.

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TOWN OF BEDFORD in Account Current with

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| March 12. | To paid Orders drawn prior to March 12, 1867, | \$ 296.49 |
| | “ paid Orders drawn by the Selectmen of 1867, | |
| | from No. 1 to 101 inclusive, | 4,732 09 |
| | “ paid School Tax, as per Receipt Book, in full, | 1,041 35 |
| | “ paid State Tax, paid by Collector, | 2,537 50 |
| | “ County Tax, “ “ | 758 52 |
| | “ Assets and Cash on hand to balance, | 2,450 22 |
| | | <hr/> \$11,816 17 |

The Assets consist of :

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| Due from Collector of 1867, | 1,817 72 |
| Auction Bills on hand, | 15 01 |
| Cash on hand, | 617 49 |
| | <hr/> \$2,450 22 |

CHARLES GAGE, Treasurer, ending March 1, 1868.

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| March 16. | To Assets as per report of 1867, | \$3,605 35 |
| | “ Received of James T. Kendall, Cash received for goods of David Cheney, | 7 05 |
| | “ Received of J. T. Kendall for rent of Town Hall, | 2 45 |
| | “ Received of Selectmen for old lumber, | 62 |
| May 16. | Whole amount of State, County, Town, School, Dog, N. R. Highway Tax, assessed 1867, and per centage added, | 6,840 27 |
| Dec. 28. | Received of Selectmen, Savings Bank Tax, | 582 00 |
| | “ “ Railroad Tax, | 204 94 |
| | “ “ Literary Fund, | 49 05 |
| Jan. 1. | Received Interest on auction bill, &c. | 9 50 |
| Feb. 14. | “ of Selectmen, Cash received of County, | 3 00 |
| “ 27. | “ of John Hodgman, Collector for High- way Tax for the year 1866, | 15 53 |
| Mar. 1. | Received of Selectmen, Cash, | 496 41 |
| | | <hr/> \$11,816 17 |

CHARLES GAGE, TOWN TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

ORDERS DRAWN BUT NOT REPORTED IN REPORT OF 1866-7.

| | |
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| G. W. Riddle, cash paid Insane Asylum for C. A. Boynton, | \$129 70 |
| Solomon Manning, abatement of taxes, | 5 00 |
| Samuel R. Seavey, board of M. Campbell's child, | 13 50 |
| Charles Gage, repairs on town house, | 3 40 |
| E. G. Campbell, board of Lydia Campbell, | 40 50 |
| P. T. Abbott, breaking axle, 1866, | 7 00 |
| E. P. Richardson, insurance on town house, | 32 50 |
| C. F. Livingston, printing reports, &c. | 36 25 |
| G. W. Riddle, Collector's book, &c. (see bill), | 19 46 |
| “ breaking roads, 1866, | 9 18 |
| | <u>\$296 49</u> |

ORDERS GIVEN FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, 1867.

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| George W. Riddle, services and expenses as selectman, | \$124 75 |
| James T. Kendall, “ “ | 88 75 |
| Freeman R. French, “ “ | 53 50 |
| Thomas M. Ferguson, Constable, | 5 00 |
| James T. Kendall, taking care town house, | 3 00 |
| W. W. Wilkins, cash paid as school committee, and notifying jurors, | 17 69 |
| “ services as town clerk, | 25 00 |
| “ superintending school committee, | 50 00 |
| John Hodgman, collecting taxes, 1866, | 125 00 |
| H. J. Plummer, working nonresident highway taxes, | 2 42 |
| Charles Gage, services as treasurer, | 30 00 |
| John Hodgman, abatement of the taxes of H. R. Barnard and others, 1865, | 13 01 |
| “ abatement of the taxes of B. Dowse and ten others, 1866, | 47 28 |

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| Charles Gage and L. C. French 2d. note and interest of E. P. and H. N. Parkhurst, | 1281 88 |
| John Hodgman, abatement of the bank tax of Thomas W. Moore, Adam Chandler, Ellen M. Riddle, Charles H. Moore, and David R. Barnard, | 138 51 |
| " abatement of the bank tax of James Darrah, Cyrus Moore, Nancy Moore, and David Sprague, | 73 53 |
| Danl. Barnard, aid furnished transient persons, | 1 50 |
| A. F. Perry, settees for town house, | 63 12 |
| F. R. French, transportation of the above settees, | 4 00 |
| Charles Gage, interest paid Amoskeag Bank, | 87 50 |
| " " Gardner Nevens, interest on min- isterial note, | 63 10 |
| J. S. Lord, sheep killed by dogs, | 5 00 |
| John Hodgman, interest paid Manchester Bank, | 140 00 |
| L. C. French, 2d, cash paid invoice book, stationery, &c. | 8 10 |
| John Hodgman, " stationery, | 2 70 |
| Adam Chandler, use of watering-trough, 1865 and 1866, | 6 00 |
| John Hodgman, interest paid Amoskeag Bank, | 175 00 |
| L. C. French, 2d. burying dead horse, left beside the road by some person unknown, | 2 00 |
| Charles Gage, interest on Miss Clough's note, | 42 00 |
| E. W. Butterfield, abatement of tax, 1867, by vote of town, | 35 33 |
| T. W. Moore, Jr., sheep killed by dogs, | 14 00 |
| John Hodgman, aid furnished transient persons, | 1 50 |
| " discount on taxes, 1867, by vote of town, | 43 28 |
| W. W. Wilkins, table for selectmen's room, | 1 30 |
| John M. Holt, abatement of poll tax, 1865 and 1866, | 8 33 |
| Wm. M. Rogers, " of part of his tax, 1867, | 3 34 |
| David J. Worthley, sheep killed by dogs, | 20 00 |
| E. A. Parkhurst, damage to ox on the highway near Jenness', | 35 00 |
| John Hodgman, interest paid Sam'l Chandler, | 180 00 |
| " abatement of tax of John Fullerton and seven others, 1866, | 34 17 |
| " abatement of tax of Gilman H. Moore, John Calef, and Andrew Savage, | 7 37 |
| Wm. U. Gage, abatement of part of tax, 1866, | 5 98 |
| John Hodgman, interest on Charles G. Barnard's note, | 81 79 |
| Charles Gage, interest on J. H. Stevens' note, | 160 00 |
| I.-H. Johnson, removing fence, &c. | 1 50 |

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| Wm. A. Rundlet, sheep killed by dogs, | 8 00 |
| Charles H. Moore, wood furnished town house, | 6 75 |
| John Hodgman, abatement of Freeman Parker's N. R. tax, | 4 36 |
| L. G. Wilkins, damage on road near Gawn Riddle's place, | 5 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3331 26 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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| Daniel Vose, breaking road, March 1867, | 1 05 |
| Silas A. Riddle, " 1866 and 1867, | 17 35 |
| J. G. Vose, " " | 4 85 |
| Stillman A. Shepard, " " | 22 20 |
| Estate of T. V. Gage, " " | 3 30 |
| F. Scheer, labor on Boynton road, 1867, | 5 30 |
| Walter S. Batchelder, working nonresident taxes and labor on county road, | 23 88 |
| Isaac P. Hodgman, working nonresident highway tax, 1867, | 7 48 |
| Clinton French, " " " " | 4 71 |
| L. C. French, 2d, cash paid and labor done on Wallace bridge, in full, | 89 50 |
| John Hodgman, nonresident highway taxes, 1867, | 4 36 |
| " labor and expenses on Boynton bridge, and looming hills, | 188 20 |
| " nonresident highway taxes of Amos Harris E. Fellows, and McAffe, | 9 89 |
| " cash paid J. A. Parker, labor on highway, | 5 50 |
| Solomon Manning, breaking roads, 1866 and 1867, | 3 00 |
| B. H. Smith, " 1867 and 1868, | 13 82 |
| G. W. Webber, " in March, 1867, | 5 10 |
| E. G. Newton, " 1867 and 1868, | 9 15 |
| E. G. Telford, " 1868, | 15 30 |
| Abial Holbrook, " 1867 and 1868, | 29 72 |
| Walter Gage, " 1868, | 10 75 |
| Clinton French, " 1867 and 1868, | 10 49 |
| E. C. Hardy, " 1867, | 14 45 |
| Moore and Barnard, plank for bridge, | 8 64 |
| E. G. Gillmer, breaking roads, 1868, | 1 20 |
| H. J. Plummer, working nonresident highway taxes, | 2 42 |
| Daniel Campbell, breaking road, 1867, | 2 00 |
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| | \$514 01 |

PAUPER EXPENSES.

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|---|---------|----------------|
| W. W. Wilkins, medical services for Mahala Cheney, | \$16 25 | |
| John Hodgman, cash paid for clothing for David Cheney, | 7 22 | |
| E. Snow, funeral expenses, and extra services in taking care of Mrs. Cheney, | 46 14 | |
| W. Wilkins, medical services David Cheney and wife, | 11 00 | |
| E. Snow, support of D. Cheney and wife, in full to March 1st, 1868, | 206 73 | |
| | | <hr/> \$287 34 |
| John Hodgman, clothing J. S. Vose, | 3 20 | |
| “ cash paid N. H. Asylum for J. S. Vose, | 51 95 | |
| “ expenses in removing J. S. Vose, | 5 95 | |
| Charles Gage, cash paid for support of “ | 25 00 | |
| John Hodgman “ “ “ “ | 20 00 | |
| Charles Gage, “ “ “ “ | 26 88 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ | 12 00 | |
| W. Wilkins, medical attendance for “ | 10 73 | |
| | | <hr/> 155 71 |
| Mrs. L. D. Seavey, support of Franklin Campbell, | 13 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ | 12 00 | |
| Charles Gage, cash paid for support of “ | 13 00 | |
| | | <hr/> 38 00 |
| Charles Gage, cash paid board of Lydia Campbell, | 6 00 | |
| Sam'l Gardner, support of Agnes Houston, in full to March 1st, 1868, | 156 00 | |
| John Hodgman, cash paid for clothing for John George, | 11 78 | |
| Charles Gage, cash paid C. Wyman for John George, | 96 00 | |
| John Hodgman, cash paid for clothing for “ | 7 99 | |
| Charles Gage, cash paid support of “ | 128 00 | |
| | | <hr/> 243 77 |
| | | <hr/> \$886 82 |

ASSESSMENTS.

Amount of money assessed upon polls and ratable estates of residents
and nonresidents in the Town of Bedford, for the year 1867 :

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| State Tax, | \$2537 50 | |
| County Tax, | 758 52 | |
| School Tax, | 812 00 | |
| Town Tax, | 2300 00 | |
| Dog Tax, | 73 00 | |
| Nonresident highway tax, | 116 27 | |
| Percentage, | 242 98 | |
| | | <hr/> \$6840 27 |

SCHOOL TAX.

School tax in 1867 was raised as follows :

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| School tax, | 812 00 | |
| Part of Railroad tax, 1866, | 200 00 | |
| Percentage added, | 29 35 | |
| | | <u>\$1041 35</u> |

Proportion of School Money, 1866 :

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| School District No. 1, | 88 89 | |
| “ “ 2, | 131 02 | |
| “ “ 3, | 91 33 | |
| “ “ 4, | 142 80 | |
| “ “ 5, | 69 28 | |
| “ “ 6, | 88 06 | |
| “ “ 7, | 91 94 | |
| “ “ 8, | 99 04 | |
| “ “ 9, | 59 85 | |
| “ “ 10, | 75 58 | |
| “ “ 11, | 31 07 | |
| “ “ 12, | 51 65 | |
| “ “ 13, | 20 84 | |
| | | <u>\$1041 35</u> |

TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN, 1867-8.

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| Orders drawn prior to March 12th, 1867, | \$ 296 49 |
| Since March 12th, 1867, No. 1 to 101 inclusive: | |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Incidental expenses, | \$3331 26 | |
| Support of paupers, | 886 82 | |
| Roads, &c., | 514 01 | |
| | | <u>4732 09</u> |
| | | <u>\$5028 58</u> |

The Selectmen have paid as follows, for which no orders have been drawn:

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| Charles G. Barnard, note and interest, | \$510 79 | |
| D. A. Gage, “ | 208 05 | |
| Seth Campbell, | 882 21 | |
| J. H. Stevens, | 909 36 | |
| Soldiers' Bounties, | 600 00 | |
| | | <u>3110 41</u> |

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| The town has paid | \$8138 99 |
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| Whole amount assessed in 1867, | \$6,840 27 |
| In hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1867, | 3,605 35 |
| | <hr/> \$10,445 62 |
| Money paid out, | 8,138 99 |
| | <hr/> \$ 2,306 63 |
| | 143 59 |
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| In hands of Treasurer, | \$ 2,450 22 |
| Amount of town notes due, | \$14,682 24 |
| Deduct money in Treasury, | 2,450 22 |
| | <hr/> \$12,232 02 |
| Deduct interest paid in advance to Amoskeag and Manchester Banks, | 178 49 |
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| Town bebt, | \$12,053 53 |
| Estimated expense of officers not paid, | 400 00 |
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| Whole amount due, | \$12,453 53 |
| Town debt as per last report, | 12,023 46 |
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| Increase of debt, | \$430 07 |

TOWN NOTES DUE MARCH 1st, 1868.

| To whom due. | Date of Note. | Principal. | Int. due. | Amount. |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| P. T. Campbell, | May 11, 1865, | \$100 00 | \$ 17 66 | \$117 66 |
| R. Blood, | April 14, 1865, | 700 00 | 137 86 | 837 86 |
| Nath'l Flint, | March 22, 1866, | 1000 00 | 121 48 | 1,121 48 |
| Amoskeag S. Bank, | Oct. 20, 1866, | 2500 00 * | | 2,500 00 |
| Manchester " | Aug. 21, 1866, | 2000 00 † | | 2,000 00 |
| Mrs. Lucinda Carley, | Nov. 12, 1866, | 602 00 | 36 77 | 638 77 |
| P. T. Campbell, | Nov. 5, 1866, | 100 00 | 6 12 | 106 12 |
| Mary S. Campbell, | Nov. 5, 1866, | 60 00 | 3 60 | 63 60 |
| Gardner Nevens, | Nov. 22, 1867, | 2500 00 | 54 42 | 2,554 42 |
| Clinton French, | Oct. 9, 1867, | 500 00 | 11 75 | 511 75 |
| Lucy A. Clough, | Aug. 22, 1864, | 700 00 | 22 16 | 722 16 |
| Sam'l Chandler, | Feb. 13, 1864, | 3000 00 | 8 00 | 3,008 00 |
| Blanchard Nichols, | Feb. 12, 1864, | 200 00 | 50 79 | 250 79 |
| R. Blood, | May 25, 1864, | 201 53 | 48 10 | 249 63 |
| * Paid int. to Oct. 20, 1868. † Int. paid to Aug. 21, 1868. | | | 518 71 | \$14,682 24 |

In making our report, we have given the town no credit for bounties owed the town, amounting to \$2165, neither have we charged the town the Ministerial Note, which is \$2100. We have paid out \$600 for bounties, and abated taxes to the amount of \$341, assessed in 1866. We have increased the debt \$430 07.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| L. C. FRENCH, 2d, | } <i>Selectmen of Bedford.</i> |
| C. H. MOORE, | |
| JOHN HODGMAN, | |

SCHOOL REPORT.

In reviewing the history of our Schools for the past year, we see in many things reasons for our encouragement, and in others reasons for regret. We have reasons for gratitude that none of our schools have been interrupted by epidemic diseases. Indeed we have abundant reasons for thankfulness in every school district and family that our little ones are spared to us, and that whatever may have been our or their neglect of duty in the past, there is still an opportunity, or at least a hope of greater improvement in the future.

There is reason for encouragement from the fact that none of our schools have been broken up, either by the incapacity of the teachers or the insubordination of the scholars. We do not mean to imply by this that all our teachers have been model instructors, or that all our little rebels have been happily reconstructed to good order-loving pupils for in one or two instances we have felt that these evils have seriously impaired the harmony and usefulness of our schools. Our teachers, with one or two exceptions, have given, we believe, perfect satisfaction to the districts in which they have labored, and we think there has been an increasing disposition on the part of the parents and friends to sustain and encourage the teachers in their labor of love. This influence of parental instruction is much more marked in some districts than others, and it has the effect of making one or two of our smallest district schools take rank above the largest districts in town where there is of course much more money expended, and consequently longer schools.

We wish to say one word in regard to home teachers. We have had some excellent teachers during the year from out of town, and no remarks we make in regard to our own teachers are intended as a reflection upon them; but we wish to impress upon our prudential committees the fact that no better teach-

ers for our scholars can be obtained out of town than we have among us, and as a general rule, we believe that you will be making a gain by employing home talent.

The practice of breaking in raw recruits in our schools for the benefit of other towns is a poor policy. We can well afford to have some patience with the inexperience of one whom we may hope to retain in our schools, if their first term does not quite come up to our standard. Let us, then, as far as possible, employ those teachers in our own town, and pay them so liberally that they will not feel compelled to seek employment elsewhere.

It may be interesting to many to have a report of the session of the High School, held in the Fall of 1867. This school was a large one, numbering in all eighty-eight scholars,—of these, three attended only a few days, and three or four more left at the end of four weeks. The attendance during the term was quite regular; the parents sparing no pains to secure the regular attendance of their children. The self-denial manifested by many living at a distance, in bringing their children three or four miles to school, regardless of the weather, with regularity for eleven weeks, is deserving of more than a passing notice.

In regard to the results of this term on the minds and characters of those who attended this school, in some classes the improvement made was gratifying, while others passed through the term benefitted very little if any by the advantages offered them. Those who wished to learn, made good progress; while those who went only for a good time, squandered their time and the money paid for tuition.

The teachers were Mr. F. J. Burnham and Mrs. E. A. Stevens. There was raised by sale of tickets, \$251 88, by subscription, \$25 00 total, \$276 88. Expended for work, lumber, nails, tickets, &c., \$6 88. Paid F. J. Burnham, services as teacher, \$157 00. Paid Mr. Burnham's board, 11 weeks, \$47 00. Paid Mrs. Stevens, services as teacher, \$66 00.

Many of the tickets were sold to those who had no children to send, and we are indebted to the public spirit and liberality of these men for aiding us in this matter.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

A summer term of ten weeks, taught by Miss S. Josie Page. A winter term was taught by Miss Miriam B. Gilmore.

During the year, there has been a prodigious improvement in this school. The summer term commenced with discouraging prospects, and dullness, inattention, and idleness seemed to have fettered the minds of our scholars. Miss Page labored hard to excite an interest in the minds of her pupils, and she was cordially sustained and encouraged by the parents of scholars. The examination at the close of the school, showed that her labors in this direction had not been in vain. Names of those who did not whisper during the term: Ella J. Kendall, Maggie Fullerton, Nellie Chamberlain, Charlie Wilkins, Ned Fullerton, Elmer Kendall. Miss Gilmore's school is now in operation. We invite the friends of our scholars to fill up the old school house on examination day, and we promise them a pleasant entertainment.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

A summer term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Morrison. A winter term of ten weeks, taught by Mr. John P. Hodgman. Both these teachers have taught in this district before, are teachers of considerable experience, and have given, we believe, very general satisfaction to the district. There has been during the year an improvement in reading and arithmetic—two of the most important branches taught in our schools, that could not have been obtained without steady and well directed effort. The diligence and the respectful deportment of the scholars, when your committee has visited this school, is worthy of notice, and reflects credit on the teachers and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Emma F. Bean. A winter term of eight weeks, taught by Abbie C. Morse. This is a small school, but is nevertheless (in the opinion of your

committee), one of the pleasantest schools to teach in town. The school is remarkable for good order, cheerfulness, respectful deportment of the pupils, and good recitations. The district was pleased with the labors of their teachers, and we feel that they were very fortunate in securing their services. We quote from Miss Morse's register, calling the attention of the district to her suggestion in regard to a set of "outline maps."

"The school in this district is under very good discipline, and the scholars are studious. A set of outline maps would be a desirable addition to the school room." No scholar has received a mark for whispering during the term. Names of scholars: Fannie A. Darrah, Jessie M. Darrah, Bertha Moore, Clara A. Walker, Mazzie A. Walker, Frank Adams, Charlie Adams, Willie W. Darrah, Wayland E. Moore, Edwin Stickney.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

A summer school of sixteen weeks, taught by Miss Mary D. Gale. A winter school was taught by Mr. Silas Holbrook. The summer school was under the best of management. Miss Gale is, in every respect, a superior teacher. We make the following extract from her register. "However much might be said in regard to this school, I will only indulge in a few general remarks. And first, I should consider that I was doing them great injustice if I failed to commend both parents and committee for the almost unlimited interest they have taken in the school, and their kind co-operation, without which I think no teacher can be successful in every effort to render the school interesting and profitable." The names of scholars who have not whispered during the term are as follows: Eva S. Walker, Estella Runlett, Clara A. Walker, Eliza Young, Henry Miller, Albert N. Miller, Henry P. Taffe, Louis J. Runlett, Foster Rollins. Mr. Holbrook gave good satisfaction to the district, and at the examination of the winter term, a good degree of progress was manifested.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

A summer school of eight weeks, taught by Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens. A winter school of six weeks, taught by Miss Alice

G. Lord. Mrs. Stevens had a pleasant and profitable term. She returns the following names in her register of scholars who have not whispered during the term : Emma J. Hodgman, Alice B. French, Hattie E. Bailey, Sarah M. Savage, Eunice Stevens, Lilla M. Ferguson, George E. Bailey, the only scholar neither tardy or absent during the term.

The winter term was short, but there was a commendable industry, on the part of some of the advanced scholars in the school that was very gratifying. We do not know but that all desired to make improvement, but we felt that there were some who did not do justice to themselves and the earnest efforts of their teacher in their behalf.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

A summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Fannie A. McPherson. A winter term, taught by Miss Hannah J. Hall. Miss McPherson has taught a number of terms of school in this district before, a proof that the district consider her a profitable teacher. We can endorse their opinion. We find the following entry in her register : Clara Atwood, Emma Riddle, Julia Kean, and Henry Worthley have not whispered during the term.

The winter term is now in operation and promises to be a profitable one. We commend the action of the district in prolonging this term by subscription. It is not only a compliment to the teacher, but manifests a public spirit in the district worthy of imitation. The money so expended could not be better invested.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

A summer term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Mary S. Danforth. A winter term, taught by Mr. F. W. Daniels. In both terms of school, the teachers were inexperienced, it being their first effort at teaching. Some anxiety was felt in the district, and also by your committee for their success. The result, however, in both instances, showed that there was no good reasons for those fears. We feel that this school has been well managed. The good order manifested, the promptness

with which the pupils went through their recitations, the good reading and thorough knowledge of their mathematical studies over which they had passed, were points of interest that we noted at the close of both summer and winter terms.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

A summer term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Sarah E. Tinker. A winter term of nine and one half weeks, taught by Mr. George F. Heald: We made but one visit to Miss Tinker's school, but from that visit we have formed a favorable opinion of the school, and knowing the energy and zeal of the teacher, we are confident that the examination must have been pleasant and satisfactory. Miss Tinker returns the names of seven scholars who did not whisper during the term; their names are Emma Mudge, Sabra Mudge, Mary King, Ida King, Adelia Martin, Freddie Martin, and Frank Stevens.

The winter term, so far as good order and discipline are concerned, was a complete failure. We were led to infer from the appearance of the school that there was very little effort made by the teacher to secure a quiet school, and on the part of the scholars a disposition to make the most of his inefficiency by whispering, noise, and idleness. The teacher charges the district with a reluctance on their part of not having good discipline enforced; that on punishing scholars, they have been removed from school. We do not believe that it is wise or just, that a term of school should be lost to a district by such evils as these, for the want of prompt, and, if need be, severe punishment of the offenders. Again, we have ninety-five tardy marks and thirty-four cases of dismissal during this short term of school,—an aggregate of one hundred and twenty-nine broken days. Who is to be blamed for this non-attendance? Certainly this is not the teacher's fault. If the scholar is to attend school at all, he should be there when school commences and remain until it closes. We do not believe that these evils need exist, and while we would attribute them partly to the inexperience and want of firmness on the part of the teacher, we are convinced they are, in a great measure, due to the want of parental authority and co-operation with the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Helen I. Lane. A winter term of ten weeks, taught Miss Mary F. Cutler. Miss Lane gave excellent satisfaction to the district. The examination at the close of the term was very interesting. The following named scholars are returned by her as not having whispered during the term: Anna French, Nellie Pollard, Sallie French, Laura Gardner, Fanny Perry, Frank Swett, Frank Manning, and Eddie Perry.

Miss Cutler is one of our best teachers. Her explanations are clear and simple and concise. Her scholars understand thoroughly what they had been over and could explain intelligently every problem wrought, and every rule involved. This was, in every respect, a model school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

A summer term of nine weeks, and winter term of six weeks taught by Miss Sarah A. Farley. Miss Farley has labored earnestly in this district, and we think all the district, parents and scholars, have been well pleased with her labors. Her scholars have made good progress in their studies, and seemed to understand clearly what they had been over. We were pleased with the singing with which we were so much entertained on visiting the school. We wish that it might be more generally practiced in our schools. Remarks by the teacher. "The names of those who have not whispered are Mary A. Damon, Lizzie Shepherd, Laura E. Cutler, Martha E. Cutler, Addie M. Houston, Carrie Houston, Mary Houston, Lizzie French, Sarah Gaffney, Willie Gaffney, and Martin Campbell. One can hardly help having some degree of order when so many refrain from whispering."

DISTRICT NO. 11.

A summer school of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Miriam B. Gilmore. A fall term of five weeks, taught by Miss Hortensia McMillen. We notice in Miss Gilmore's register that this is the fourteenth term of school she has taught. She is well known as one of our best teachers.

Miss McMillen is also a teacher of considerable experience, and we thought she was interested and earnest in her labors.

We regretted that we could not be in this school at the examination.

Both teachers return the names of all the scholars as not having whispered with the exception of one scholar, who, during the summer term, whispered once. The names of the scholars are Mary E. Noyes, S. E. Swett, Sallie W. Gage, Hattie Parkhurst, Nathan C. Cady, Charles E. Stevens, Frank Stevens, Charles G. Noyes, Sidney M. Noyes, Willie E. Roby, Charles Roby, Willie F. Gage, Lafayette Mace, Elmer E. Noyes, Frank A. Parker. A school that has such a record could not fail of being profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

A summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Riddle. A winter term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Sarah E. Tinker. This is one of the smallest districts in town. The average attendance during the summer was eight scholars. During the winter term, a number attended the school from other districts, and the average attendance was increased to 12 5-7. This was Miss Riddle's first attempt in managing a school. The term was too short to accomplish great results. This teacher returns the names of Addie M. Parkhurst, Ida E. Campbell, Emma J. Parkhurst, Sylvanus Campbell, Clinton Adams, Elmer J. Taylor, and John Parkhurst as not having whispered during the term. Miss Tinker had a pleasant term of school, and the examination was satisfactory. We think the school money in this district has been well expended, the only regret is that there was not more of it.

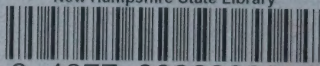
DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer school of eight weeks, taught by Miss Estella Stevens. This was the first school in which Miss Stevens had acted as teacher. We were pleased with the good order and diligence manifested, and the marked progress made by the pupils under her instruction. There has been a number of weeks of private school in this district during the year, but as we have no record to refer to, we cannot give any particulars in regard to it.

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